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MR. SPEAKER:

It is again my privilege and responsibility to present to this Legislature a review of the financial statements of the Province for the past fiscal year and the budget for the ensuing fiscal year ending March 31st, 1943. It is unnecessary for me, Mr. Speaker, to review the happenings of recent months, nor shall I attempt to forecast what we may have to face during the months to come. Events in these times move with such rapidity that it is most difficult to maintain a proper perspective with regard to many of our problems. We, along with other Governments in that portion of the world that is still "free," have today increased responsibilities; and it is with a due sense of that added responsibility that I address you today. It is unnecessary for me to review in detail conditions in Canada, except to say that as a direct result of Government expenditures for war purposes, employment has reached its highest level for some years; and the business index also reflects the increase in national income. In this Province, notwithstanding the low prices for wheat, the statements I will present indicate improved conditions generally.

AGRICULTURE

In my address of last year I gave to this Assembly a rather extensive survey of the statistics with respect to the wheat problem. I expressed the opinion that the prospect of increased income from the production of wheat was anything but encouraging, and that both marketing and prices would be dependent upon the policy followed by the Dominion Government. Notwithstanding a decrease in yield for Western Canada of over 243,000,000 bushels of wheat in 1941 as compared with the previous year, there has been no resultant increase in the price received by the producer; and we enter another crop year with prices again dependent upon the policy of the Dominion Government. It is not my intention to give detailed statistics. However, I think it is important to review and record certain figures at this time. In 1940, Western Canada produced 525,000,000 bushels of wheat, of which total this Province contributed 181,000,000 bushels. The average price to the producer at the point of shipment was forty-nine cents per bushel, and the total income from this source was estimated at \$88,500,000. In the past year, 1941, due to the acreage reduction policy of the Federal Government, and due also to unfavourable weather conditions, the production in the Prairie Provinces dropped to 282,000,000 bushels, a decrease of 243,000,000 bushels. In this Province the yield was 88,500,000 bushels, a decrease in bushels of 92,000,000. At 47 cents per bushel, the value totalled \$41,595,000, a shrinkage of almost \$50,000,000. The area seeded to wheat decreased

2,000,000 acres, from 8,667,000 to around 6,653,000 acres, and the yield per acre also decreased from 20.8 bushels to 13.3 bushels. The decline in value of the wheat crop was, I am glad to say, substantially offset by increased income from coarse grains and live stock, and also by payments from the Dominion Government under the wheat acreage reduction bonus and The Prairie Farmers' Assistance Act. However, we must face the fact that until the farmers realize an equitable price for wheat in relationship to the prices of commodities which they have to purchase, the basic industry of Western Canada will never regain the position it once held and to which it is rightly entitled.

I am not suggesting that acreage payments have not furnished some measure of relief; they have, particularly to farmers who have had no crop or only a very small yield per acre; and as compensation for acreage reduction the system has merit. However, in spite of such relief measures, the problems confronting the wheat grower will not be solved until he is assured a fair and equitable price for his products. It is indeed fortunate, Mr. Speaker, that many of our farmers have been able to increase their production of live stock. By utilizing their wheat for feed, they have been able to increase their income quite substantially.

I am pleased to report a ready demand, at more favourable prices, for other agricultural products, and also increased production of the same by our farmers. Cattle marketed numbered 441,000, an increase of 79,000 head over the previous year, valued at \$20,922,000, an increase of over \$2,000,000. The number of hogs marketed increased from 1,485,000 to 2,097,000 head, realizing \$38,584,000, increasing the income of the producers by more than \$14,000,000. Dairy products also showed a substantial gain, both in production and price, reaching a total value of \$28,000,000 as against \$19,532,000 for last year. The value of all products of Alberta farms totalled \$194,758,000 as compared with \$209,741,000 for the year 1940.

PRODUCTION AND VALUE, AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS, 1941

	Acreage	Bushels	Yield Per acre	Price	Total Value
Wheat.....	6,653,000	88,500,000	13.3	\$.47	\$41,595,000
Oats.....	3,114,000	71,000,000	22.8	.33	23,430,000
Barley.....	1,492,000	27,000,000	18.1	.39	10,530,000
Rye.....	167,300	1,950,000	11.7	.38	741,000
Flax.....	150,000	1,100,000	7.3	1.21	1,331,000
Mixed Grains.....	39,700	702,000	.....	.....	313,000
Total Grain Crops.....	11,616,000	190,252,000			\$77,940,000
Root and Fodder Crops.....	1,643,500				15,690,000
Live stock.....					61,846,895
Dairy Products.....					28,037,075
Poultry.....					9,706,000
Honey.....					374,400
Wool.....					1,164,510
Total Value, Agricultural Products.....					\$194,758,880

NATURAL RESOURCES

The production from our natural resources is now second in value only to that derived from Agriculture. On previous occasions I have stressed the growing importance of the development of these resources as a source of revenue to the Government. It has been the policy of this Government to encourage and assist in their development in every possible way that is sound. Not only are these resources valuable to

the economy of this Province, but as the war develops, the products of our resources are becoming increasingly important to the economy of Canada and to the intensity of her war effort. I am gratified, Mr. Speaker, to report to the Legislature that the past year witnessed a further substantial increase in the production of petroleum; and although the increase was mainly derived from the Turner Valley Field, an intensive search for other producing areas was carried on. In the Vermilion Field a new refinery has been completed to process the production from wells drilled in that area, principally for use of the railways. In addition, the Turner Valley Field has been extended to the North a distance of over twenty miles. It is also gratifying to report that the first official figures relating to the extraction of crude oil from the tar sands at McMurray have been released by the Petroleum and Natural Gas Conservation Board. During the period from the 19th of May to the 30th of September, a total of 18,852 tons of sand were mined, producing 16,928 barrels of crude oil, 1,069 barrels of gasoline and 3,479 of diesel and burner oil. The potential value of these massive deposits is nearing realization. With supplies of fuel oil from other sources being curtailed, I think we have reason to anticipate intensive efforts to increase the production of petroleum from the tar sands during the present year.

The production of oil from all fields totalled 9,908,643 barrels, an increase of over 1,400,000 barrels. Alberta produced 98.08 per cent. of the total production of Canada, which, I might mention, produced 18.3 per cent. of the production of the whole British Empire. The value increased from \$10,504,000 to \$12,358,000. In Turner Valley the footage drilled of 376,676 feet compared with 296,832 feet the previous year. In other fields 51,824 feet were drilled as against 23,448 feet; and exploration drilling of 46,716 feet was practically the same as that for the previous year. The consumption of natural gas increased from two million thousand cubic feet to twenty-eight million three hundred thousand thousand cubic feet, valued at \$1,415,271, the increase being principally due to the demand for wartime purposes. The production of coal also showed an increase of about 500,000 tons; a total of 6,700,000 tons was mined, valued at \$17,621,000. There is an increased demand for Alberta coal in Eastern Canada; and it is hoped that this market will be maintained and extended for the better grades of our coal. The output of salt at Waterways doubled during the year; a total of 16,610 tons were produced, valued at \$166,100. Lumbering operations were active throughout the year, the value of products being \$4,133,000, as compared with a value of \$2,531,000, an increase of approximately \$1,600,000 over the previous year.

The total value of all products from our resources for the year was \$35,694,000, as compared with \$30,776,000, a gain of almost five million dollars. In 1935 the total value of these products was \$16,722,000, and I submit that an increase of nearly nineteen million since that time is conclusive evidence of the growing importance of these resources to the people of this Province.

BEEET SUGAR INDUSTRY

The final figures with respect to this industry are not yet available. The acreage under crop shows little change from the previous year. A total of 23,808 acres were seeded and the estimated yield was 297,298 tons—a decrease of about 30,000 tons. Sugar output will approximate 92,560,000 pounds as compared with 93,466,400 pounds in 1940. Growers will re-

ceive an initial payment of \$6.00 per ton compared with \$5.50 a ton for last year; and it is expected the total gross return will be nearly \$2,300,000. A ready market is available for the by-products, and increasing numbers of live stock are being fed in areas adjacent to the two factories. It has been definitely proven that the irrigated lands of Southern Alberta are particularly well suited for the production of sugar beets, and the present production can be greatly increased if wider markets for the products can be secured.

I shall now review briefly certain governmental undertakings which are shown in the Accounts of the Province as Contingent Liabilities:

THE ALBERTA CO-OPERATIVE RURAL CREDIT ACT

Loans made to members of these societies are guaranteed by the Province, and for several years we have adhered to the policy of restricting loans to moderate sums to members whose accounts are in a reasonably satisfactory position. While we are faced with substantial losses under our guarantee, the total loans outstanding are being gradually reduced by the provision in our estimates each year of the amount of \$75,000 for the implementation of our guarantees, and by recoveries from the borrower wherever they are possible. The loans outstanding to members of societies included in the Alberta Rural Credit Corporation at December 31st, 1941, totalled \$1,245,637, including interest, as compared with \$1,325,642, a net reduction of \$80,005.. New loans aggregating \$25,292 were made, and repayments of loans amounted to \$86,152. From July 1st, 1931, to December 31st, 1941, the Province has implemented its guarantee to the extent of \$785,976. However, this sum has been reduced to \$468,797 by payments received from the Reserves of the Alberta Credit Corporation, and by recoveries from the borrowers. The Capital and Reserve Fund of the Corporation amounted to \$333,118 as at December 31st, 1941, and further sums from the accretions to the Reserve Fund will be applied on the amount paid by the Province under its guarantee.

With respect to societies not included in the Corporation and placed in liquidation in 1931, collections during the year totalled \$4,451, and after writing off \$194,910, the balance outstanding at December 31st, 1941, was \$188,108.

SUGAR BEET SOCIETIES

The operations of the societies formed to finance sugar beet operations maintained their most satisfactory record. Loans were made during the year totalling \$83,405, and these were repaid in full as at December, 31st, 1941.

AGRICULTURAL RELIEF ADVANCES

Owing to the more favourable crop conditions generally throughout the Province in 1940, it was unnecessary for the Government to furnish any assistance under this Act during the past year. Total advances and guarantees for seed and spring requirements during the years 1936 to 1940, (inclusive), amounted to \$3,634,369; repayments to December 31st, 1941, totalled \$2,261,008, leaving a balance outstanding of \$1,373,361, a reduction of \$152,431 from the total outstanding as at December 31st, 1940.

Over fifty per cent. of the outstanding advances are to farmers in the special or drought areas of the Province; and when this is taken into

consideration, I think you will agree that the collections to date are reasonably satisfactory. As you know, the advances in 1937 and 1938 were made by chartered Banks under the successive guarantees of the Dominion Government and of the Province. The arrangement provided that the loans would be carried, if necessary, for a period of three years from the date the advances were made. In my address last year, I reported that the Province, under its guarantee, took up loans to the amount of \$519,000, thereby relieving the Dominion Government of any liability under its guarantee, and I am pleased to report that during the present fiscal year we have taken up the unpaid advances made in 1938 totalling \$892,000, again relieving the Federal Government of its liability and assisting to that extent the war effort the senior government was able to make. It should be borne in mind that this sum was not included in the estimates for the present fiscal year, and was an extra budgetary payment made under statutory authority. I am glad to say, Mr. Speaker, that we have no further outlays to make with respect to these advances.

LIVE STOCK FEEDERS' ASSOCIATIONS

Loans to these Associations are guaranteed by the Province to an amount not exceeding twenty-five per cent. of the aggregate sum borrowed, and the maximum borrowing by an Association is limited to \$100,000. Three new Associations were formed during the year, bringing the number operating up to fifteen. The aggregate borrowings as at November 30th, 1941, amounted to \$792,668, and the number of members receiving cattle under feeders' contracts totalled 366. There were 11,674 cattle and 30,556 sheep purchased by the Associations. Advances made the previous year were paid in full; and we anticipate similar results this year. The Associations are carefully supervised, and their operations have not only resulted in enabling farmers to utilize their feed to advantage, but have also kept a considerable number of feeder cattle and sheep off the Fall market until they were grain fed and properly finished for the export market. Four of these Associations were financed by loans under The Treasury Branches Act.

THE ALBERTA HAIL INSURANCE BOARD

Operating under legislation passed by this Government at the 1938 Session, the Alberta Hail Insurance Board has now completed four years of operations, and it is most gratifying, Mr. Speaker, to record a satisfactory statement for the past year. The Board accepted 9,133 applications for insurance against damage by hail, covering 1,295,650 acres of crop with total risk of \$5,640,868. Due principally to unfavourable crop conditions, both the number of applications received and the coverage written showed a decrease compared with the preceding year. Applications showed a decrease of 1,244 in number and the risk carried was down \$1,757,000. The premium payable totalled \$490,556, a decrease of \$180,363. Notwithstanding the decrease in the risk carried, awarded claims for damage by hail totalled \$447,976, a decrease of only \$20,861, as compared with the year 1940. Total premiums paid to January 22nd, 1942, amounted to \$466,452, or 95.09 per cent. of the total payable; and it is anticipated that the balance of \$24,100 will be collected from further wheat deliveries and sale of live stock. Claims in all areas are being paid on a hundred per cent. basis. In accordance with the provisions of the Act, the first payment on claims awarded amounting to \$272,503 was made to the insured on November 1st, 1941; and the final

payment, aggregating \$175,473, will be made on March 1st next. The operating loss for the year totalled \$62,414. However, under a re-insurance treaty the Board was reimbursed to the amount of \$52,487, and the balance of \$9,924 was taken care of from the Reserve Funds of the Board.

The Board's Reserve Funds have increased from \$504,940 to \$520,926 during the year, and \$300,000 of this amount is invested in the First Victory Loan. Certain areas of this Province over a period of years show a very high ratio of loss from hail, and this insurance plan is rendering a very real service to the farmers of this Province in providing protection against this hazard at the lowest possible cost. I take this opportunity, Mr. Speaker, of expressing my appreciation of the support afforded the Board by so many farmers of this Province, and also compliment the Board on the results indicated by their statement for the year.

I should mention that the Board operates without any financial assistance from the Government by way of guarantee or otherwise.

Turning now to the main financial statements of the Province:

PUBLIC ACCOUNTS—FISCAL YEAR ENDED MARCH 31st, 1941

The Public Accounts for the preceding fiscal year have been tabled. The statements were also released to the public several months ago, and it is unnecessary for me to deal with the statements in detail at this time.

The operating statement, after combining all expenditures, on both Income and Capital Accounts reveal an over-all surplus of \$2,270,845.19. In comparing the final results with the estimates, you will note, Mr. Speaker, that I under-estimated the revenue and over-estimated the expenditures; and as a result we had a substantial surplus rather than a deficit. This procedure can be defended in the light of the uncertainty of the times. Revenue from the following sources exceeds the sums estimated: Income Tax, \$704,000; Liquor Profits, \$543,000; Motor Licenses, \$212,000, and Timber Fees, \$296,000. On the expenditure side the net cost of Unemployment Relief showed a decrease of \$734,600 against the estimated net expenditures.

The surplus above stated is arrived at after providing for all ordinary Capital expenditures, unemployment relief and certain statutory payments, but does not include debt retirement. A total of \$831,363.44 was expended for this purpose, and included \$554,071 for redemption of savings certificates, \$241,735 for Accounts Payable and \$23,000 as a payment on Treasury Bills issued to the Dominion Government.

In the Capital expenditures payments of \$520,000 were incurred to implement the guarantee of the Province with respect to advances made in 1937 under The Agricultural Relief Advances Act. These advances were also guaranteed by the Dominion Government. I referred to this payment when reviewing the position of these advances which are shown as a contingent liability of the Province.

FUNDED AND UNFUNDED DEBT

The net funded and unfunded debt of the Province as at March 31st, 1941, totalled \$144,741,018 as compared with \$147,940,221 at the end of the previous fiscal year, a decrease of \$3,199,203. The decrease is chiefly accounted for by accretions to sinking funds of \$692,301, an increase of cash and investments of \$2,137,728, and a decrease of \$554,071 in the unfunded debt by the redemption of savings certificates.

In addition, the Province is liable for certain guarantees, and the total as at March 31st, 1941, was \$8,500,509 as compared with \$9,253,228 the previous year, a reduction of \$752,719. These guarantees include Irrigation and Drainage District debentures, guaranteed advances to Marketing Associations, Seed Grain Advances, Co-operative Credit Societies and loans under the (Dominion) Municipal Improvements Assistance Act. Detailed statements of the Public Debt and these guarantees are furnished on pages 20 to 22 of the Public Accounts.

INTERIM STATEMENT—CURRENT FISCAL YEAR

The interim cash statement for the nine months' period of the present fiscal year is being tabled; and complete information regarding receipts and expenditures are furnished in that report. The cash receipts on Income Account for the period totalled \$20,262,840.93, as compared with \$17,858,848.87 for the same period last year, an increase of \$2,403,992.06. The Fuel Oil Tax collections show a gain of \$715,000, and other increases follow: Liquor Board profits, \$669,000; Income Tax, \$263,000; Motor Licenses, \$259,000; Miscellaneous Taxes, \$210,000; and Royalties and Fees, \$177,000. Cash payments total \$14,682,017.18, an increase of \$54,272.94 over the same period of the preceding year. Net expenditures for unemployment relief total \$372,684.74, a decrease of \$447,339.15. However, this decrease is partly accounted for by reimbursements from the Dominion Government, totalling \$270,000 against expenditures made by the Province in the previous fiscal year. Net Capital expenditures totalled \$2,612,088, an increase of \$493,344.53, chiefly accounted for by the implementation of the Province's guarantees in connection with seed grain advances made in 1938. The payments during this period totalled \$901,000 as compared with \$520,000 paid in the corresponding period last year with respect to advances for agricultural relief made in 1937. Savings certificates redeemed during the period amounted to \$350,000.

I think I am safe in saying, Mr. Speaker, that we may anticipate a favourable over-all surplus at the end of the present fiscal year.

I would now direct the attention of the Honourable Members to the estimates for the ensuing fiscal year ending March 31st, 1943, copies of which have been tabled.

The Estimates are based on the policy of this Government to keep expenditures within our income, and at the same time to maintain essential governmental services. Provision has also been made for increased appropriations where deemed advisable, and I will mention these when dealing with the expenditures in detail.

The estimated budgetary requirements and estimated results for the ensuing fiscal year are summarized as follows:

FISCAL YEAR ENDING MARCH 31st, 1943	
Total Estimated Revenue, Income Account.....	\$21,268,723.90
Total Estimated Receipts, Capital Account.....	957,810.98
Total Estimated Receipts, Income and Capital.....	\$22,226,534.88
Total Estimated Ordinary Expenditures, Income Account.....	\$17,798,236.75
Total Estimated Payments, Capital Account.....	2,520,662.33
	\$20,318,899.08
Net Statutory Payments.....	707,025.00
	\$21,025,924.08
Estimated Surplus before providing for Unemployment Relief and Youth Training.....	\$ 1,200,610.80
Estimated Expenditures, Unemployment Relief and Youth Training.....	971,037.00
Estimated Over-all Surplus.....	\$ 229,573.80

REVENUE—INCOME ACCOUNT, 1942-43.

Total revenue on Income Account is estimated at \$21,268,723.90 as compared with \$19,808,477.50 for the present year, an increase of \$1,460,246.40. Under the proposed agreement with the Dominion Government our revenue from certain sources is fixed to the extent of \$4,080,218, and will be replaced by grants from the Dominion; also the revenue from the Fuel Oil Tax is guaranteed to the extent of \$3,221,000. During the present year, our receipts from this source are substantially in excess of this sum. However, future revenue will be dependent upon the rationing of gasoline and any other measures which may restrict the use of motor vehicles in order to conserve materials and fuel for war purposes. Income from our remaining chief sources of revenue, namely, Motor Licenses and Liquor Board profits, during the current year exceeded our estimates. However, in arriving at our figures for the ensuing year we have made what we consider a reasonable allowance for a possible shrinkage in revenues from these sources. No new or increased taxation revenue is provided in the aforementioned totals. I feel confident in saying that the total revenue estimated is, if anything, a conservative estimate and an amount which we can reasonably anticipate will be realized.

The estimated revenue by Departments is as follows and I shall also give for comparative purpose the figures for the current year:

	REVENUE—INCOME ACCOUNT			
	1942/43	1941/42	Increase	Decrease
Dominion of Canada (Subsidy).....	\$ 1,788,593.40	\$ 1,787,475.00	\$ 1,118.00	
Agriculture Dept.....	122,960.00	123,075.00		\$ 115.00
Agriculture Dept. (Water Resources).....	1,000.00	1,000.00		
Attorney Gen. Dept.....	882,575.00	832,975.00	49,600.00	
Education Dept.....	220,950.00	235,150.00		14,200.00
Executive Council.....	44,000.00	43,200.00	800.00	
Legislation.....	1,027.50	10,027.50		9,000.00
Municipal Affairs Dept.....	1,353,430.00	1,371,000.00		17,570.00
Prov. Sec. Dept.....	6,620,275.00	6,714,605.00		94,330.00
Public Health Dept.....	417,513.00	389,380.00	28,133.00	
Public Works Dept.....	1,115,765.00	1,094,495.00	21,270.00	
Trade & Industry Dept.....	129,100.00	116,800.00	12,300.00	
Treasury Dept.....	6,242,735.00	4,940,225.00	1,302,510.00	
Lands & Mines Dept.....	2,328,800.00	2,149,070.00	179,730.00	
	<u>\$21,268,723.90</u>	<u>\$19,808,477.50</u>	<u>\$ 1,595,461.00</u>	<u>\$ 135,215.00</u>
A Net Increase of \$1,460,246.40				

The revenue from Income Taxes, which is fixed at the actual amount collected in the fiscal year ended March, 1941, accounts for \$940,000 of the increase. Profits of the Liquor Board are estimated at \$2,900,000, an increase of \$300,000; the amount estimated is set below the actual we will receive this year. In the Lands and Mines Department we anticipate a net increase in revenue of \$179,000, mainly from Timber Dues and Royalties. We have also provided for a decrease in revenue from Fuel Oil and Motor Licenses of over \$90,000. The estimated revenue from this source is below the actual receipts this year for the reasons I have previously mentioned.

EXPENDITURES—INCOME ACCOUNT

Total expenditures on Income Account, including expenditures for Unemployment Relief and Dominion-Provincial Youth Training are

estimated at \$18,769,273.75 as compared with \$17,783,749.08, an estimated net increase of \$985,524.67. The figures by Departments are as follows and I will give the estimates for the current year for purposes of comparison:

EXPENDITURE—INCOME ACCOUNT

	1942/43	1941/42	Increase	Decrease
Public Debt Charges.....	\$ 3,871,182.00	\$ 3,878,637.50		\$ 7,455.00
Executive Council.....	231,686.00	218,550.00	\$ 13,136.00	
Legislation.....	275,351.00	274,985.00	366.00	
Agriculture Dept.....	449,054.33	421,931.74	27,122.00	
Agriculture (Water Resources).....	51,509.10	51,405.10	104.00	
Attorney General's Dept..	753,282.00	722,992.50	30,290.00	
Education Dept.....	3,282,434.50	3,082,430.00	200,004.00	
Municipal Affairs Dept....	248,550.00	217,740.00	30,810.00	
Prov. Secretary Dept.....	189,225.34	177,709.34	11,516.00	
Public Health Dept.....	2,372,455.48	2,125,580.91	246,874.00	
Public Works Dept.....	2,712,864.00	2,582,035.25	130,828.00	
Public Works (Railways Branch).....	4,650.00	4,650.00		
Treasury Dept.....	2,393,631.00	1,657,390.24	736,241.00	
Lands and Mines Dept....	726,404.00	604,254.00	122,150.00	
Trade and Industry Dept..	235,958.00	210,075.00	25,883.00	
Total Ordinary Expenditures.....	\$17,798,236.75	\$16,230,366.58	\$ 1,575,324.00	\$ 7,455.00
Unemployment Relief.....	889,724.00	1,474,407.50		584,683.00
Dom.-Prov. Youth Training.....	81,313.00	78,975.00	2,338.00	
Total Expenditures, Income Account.....	\$18,769,273.75	\$17,783,749.08	\$ 1,577,662.00	\$ 592,138.00

A Net Increase in Expenditures on Income Account of \$985,524.00.

In the estimates of the Department of Education you will note increased provision for grants to schools of \$140,000, due to additional rooms and longer school term in many of the Divisions. The grant to the University has been increased by \$50,000. A decrease in their registration is expected, and approximately \$28,000 is required to cover the cost of living bonus and minor salary adjustments.

The estimates of the Department of Health show a total increase of \$246,000. An additional \$25,000 is provided for Hospital Grants; \$30,000 for Cancer Treatment, making a total appropriation for this service of \$75,000. An increase of \$43,000 is required for the care and treatment of Poliomyelitis patients, due to the epidemic of last year, and an increase of \$70,000 excluding the cost of living bonus is provided for Mental Institutions. The cost of living bonus in this Department accounts for an increase of around \$60,000.

Appropriations for the Department of Public Works show an increase of \$130,000. The cost of living bonus accounts for approximately \$50,000; and an additional sum of \$48,000 is required for the maintenance of public buildings. Provision of \$775,000 for maintenance of Main Highways, and \$300,000 for District and Local Roads has been made, and show no change from the amounts provided for the present year. I may add that these amounts are considered the minimum to protect our present investment in Roads.

The Treasury Department estimates show an increase of \$735,000. You will note that \$600,000 has been provided to supplement the Old Age

Pensions now paid under agreement with the Dominion Government. There is at present no indication that the Dominion Government will bear seventy-five per cent. of the supplementary pensions paid. In providing this sum to increase the pensions to \$25.00 a month, wholly from provincial funds, if necessary, the Government does not recede from its position that these pensions are wholly the responsibility of the Government of Canada; but recognizes the urgent necessity and right of these pensioners to an increase in the present pension rate. In order that the pensioners will receive the full benefit of the proposed supplementary payment, we have requested the Dominion Government to amend the Act and regulations. I may say also, Mr. Speaker, that we hope the Dominion Government ultimately, if not at present, will assume the same percentage of the cost of the supplementary pensions as they now bear with respect to pensions presently awarded under the Act. An added \$50,000 is also included for Old Age Pensions now authorized. Treasury Branches estimates show an increase of \$34,000, of which \$18,000 is required to cover the cost of living bonus. No provision is made for the bonus on the purchase of Alberta made products, and the amount credited in trade claims for this purpose will be carried as a contingent liability on the balance sheet.

The Department of Lands and Mines estimates show an increase of \$122,000. The cost of living bonus accounts for \$35,000 of the increase; and additional expenditures are provided for added forestry and game protection by increasing the term of employment for rangers and wardens who now also act as game guardians.

The cost of living bonus, which, I may say, is in line with similar bonuses granted throughout Canada, in the entire civil service is estimated to cost approximately \$255,000; and salary adjustments account for a further \$86,000. The salary range of the Civil Service as a whole is under the prevailing level in other lines of business, and adjustments made were necessary if we were to retain the services of many of our employees. These increases are offset to the extent of \$584,000 by a reduction in the estimates for unemployment relief. However, we have made provision to continue assistance to the Municipalities on the present basis for the ensuing year.

Dealing now with the estimated receipts and payments on Capital Account.

The estimated receipts total \$957,810.98 as compared with \$854,106.91, an increase of \$103,704.07 over the amount estimated for the present fiscal year. The estimates are as follows:

RECEIPTS—CAPITAL ACCOUNT				
	1942/43	1941/42	Increase	Decrease
Executive Council.....	\$ 462,000.00	\$ 447,000.00	\$ 15,000.00	.....
Agriculture Dept.....	94,000.00	4,000.00	90,000.00	.....
Agriculture (Water Resources).....	210,530.98	212,156.91	.....	\$ 1,626.00
Education Dept.....	1,100.00	1,100.00	.....	.....
Municipal Affairs Dept.....	81,250.00	66,250.00	15,000.00	.....
Public Works Dept.....	5,900.00	5,600.00	300.00	.....
Treasury Dept.....	34,130.00	63,600.00	.....	29,470.00
Lands and Mines Dept.....	9,000.00	9,000.00	.....	.....
Sub-Total.....	\$ 897,910.98	\$ 808,706.91	\$ 120,300.00	\$ 31,096.00
Agricultural Relief.....	59,900.00	45,400.00	14,500.00	.....
	\$ 957,810.98	\$ 854,106.91	\$ 134,800.00	\$ 31,096.00
A Net Increase of \$103,704.07				

RECEIPTS—CAPITAL ACCOUNT

You will note increased receipts are anticipated in the estimates of the Department of Agriculture, but there is an offsetting item of \$100,000 in Capital expenditures. In order to conserve supplies of barley for seeding purposes, the Government is arranging to purchase a reasonable supply which will be cleaned and sold for Spring requirements. There has been an unusually heavy demand for barley, particularly the better grades, from sources outside the Province; and with limited deliveries being made, the Government, in co-operation with the Grain Companies, has taken initial steps to retain sufficient supplies for seed. The necessary legislation will be introduced at the present session.

Payments on Capital are estimated at \$2,520,662.33 as compared with \$2,241,540.03, an increase of \$279,122.30 over the amount for the present fiscal year, and by Departments are as follows:

PAYMENTS—CAPITAL ACCOUNT				
	1942/43	1941/42	Increase	Decrease
Executive Council.....	\$ 233,000.00	\$ 215,000.00	\$ 18,000.00	.....
Agriculture Dept.....	129,250.00	28,925.00	100,325.00	.....
Agriculture (Water Resources).....	487,427.33	489,107.33	.....	\$ 1,680.00
Lands and Mines Dept.....	35,000.00	35,000.00	.....	.....
Municipal Affairs Dept.....	4,000.00	12,500.00	.....	8,500.00
Public Works Dept.....	1,451,230.00	1,297,713.00	153,517.00	.....
Treasury Dept.....	145,750.00	122,500.00	23,250.00	.....
Sub-Total.....	\$ 2,485,657.33	\$ 2,200,745.33	\$ 295,092.00	\$ 10,180.00
Agricultural Relief.....	35,005.00	40,795.00	.....	5,790.00
	\$ 2,520,662.33	\$ 2,241,540.33	\$ 295,092.00	\$ 15,970.00

A Net Increase of \$279,122.00.

Included in the estimates for the Department of Agriculture you will note the item of \$100,000 for the purchase of barley for seed. I have already referred to this expenditure. It is anticipated that the amount will be recovered, although we have estimated for a possible shrinkage of ten percent. in cleaning and handling.

In the Department of Public Works estimates we have provided the sum of \$800,000 for Main Highways construction, an increase of \$97,000 over the amount provided in the estimates for the current fiscal year. The sum of \$225,000 has been allocated for District Roads, and \$35,000 for Bridges. These appropriations are the same amounts as for the present year. The sum of \$14,500 has been provided for the purchase of equipment for the University, which, I may add, was most necessary. The purchase of equipment totalling \$26,000 for various public institutions and public buildings is also provided for. Under the appropriation for Public Buildings—Construction, we have apportioned \$19,400 for the Department of Agriculture; \$12,400 for the Lands and Mines Department; and \$177,350 for Public Health, the major portion of which will be used in connection with the addition to the Oliver Mental Institute now under construction. Provision has also been made for sundry buildings under the Public Works Department of approximately \$17,000. Capital appropriations for public buildings and institutions have been severely curtailed for several years past; and the total amount provided for in the estimates is yet substantially below the amount required. It is the policy of the Government to defer all such expenditures when possible and thereby lessen the demand for labour and material which might be used for war purposes.

I have endeavoured, Mr. Speaker, to present to you a comprehensive review of the main financial statements of the Province, and an outline of the budget requirements for the year to come. I have also pointed out the reasons for the increases provided in the various appropriations. I frankly admit that it is not an easy task under existing conditions to frame a budget which will meet with the approval of all sections of the general public. Uncertainties regarding the effects of wartime policies of the Federal Government complicate a financial and economic future already rendered quite uncertain by the vagaries of drought, frost, insect pests, and price. Despite these uncertainties there is no lessened demand from the public for services. However, the budget I have presented indicates the policy of the Government to maintain present services entirely within our revenues.

And now I think I should make clear the policy of the Government with respect to the debenture debt of the Province. We want to refund the whole of the debt. We feel that it is possible to evolve a plan that will be satisfactory and equitable, both to the Province and to the holders of our debentures. If the Alberta Refunding Committee set up by the Province and the bondholders jointly last year, will continue to approach the whole problem realistically and in a spirit of fairness, forgetting for the moment legal rights and recriminations, I feel certain that they will be able to arrive at an agreement that can soon be translated into action. There are a good many phases of the whole refunding problem that have not as yet been studied by the Committee, hence it is our intention to call the members together again as soon as they are free to meet. It must be realized, of course, that this is not a matter that can be disposed of in a few short weeks; it will take at best many months. It must also be realized that whatever is done in Alberta will doubtless be the pattern for other Western Provinces, and therefore some form of concerted action might be found desirable, with an approach to the Federal Government for a scaling down of provincial debts held by them in the form of Treasury Bills.

In the meantime we shall continue to provide the funds required to meet the interest rates now in effect, both on debenture issues in default as to principal, and current issues. Not one dollar of this fund has been utilized for any other purpose of government, and this policy will be continued.

Much has been said about the attitude of the Government with respect to Canada's war effort. I wish here to record that we have in every way possible assisted the Government of Canada by transferring to them for the duration the use of public buildings and equipment whenever requested. I might add also that we have invested Trust Funds to an amount of \$2,710,100 in the three loans already offered to the public. This total includes \$550,000 representing Treasury Branch funds, and also includes a subscription of \$350,000 by the Workmen's Compensation Board and \$300,000 on behalf of the Alberta Hail Insurance Board. I may add also, Mr. Speaker, that we will make a subscription to the forthcoming loan from the various Trust Funds of One Million Dollars. We should not forget the recent happenings which have brought actual conflict nearer to this Continent. The very existence of our form of Government and personal freedom and all we value are wholly dependent upon the successful prosecution of this war. Let there be no difference of opinion between us on that score; and whether we like the thought or not, the war cannot be won by actions of Governments alone, but only by the

determination, the utmost effort and the sacrifice of every individual in our land. There is throughout Canada generally a feeling that what we have done so far towards winning the war is not sufficient; and I say in all sincerity and not in a spirit of criticism that our war effort will never be sufficient until the enemy is overwhelmed, not only on present battle fronts, but also in their homelands by allied men and arms. Not only must our forces be well equipped with all the weapons of war, but there must be no shortage of reserves of these supplies. Until these have been accomplished, Mr. Speaker, I say we shall have not done enough; we shall have not done our part.

I repeat, this Government has co-operated with the Federal Government in every way possible to further the war effort, and will continue to do so.

I beg to move, Mr. Speaker, that you do now leave the Chair; and that the House resolve itself into a Committee of Supply for the consideration of sums to be granted to His Majesty.

STATEMENT OF BONDED DEBT AND TREASURY BILLS AS AT DECEMBER 31st, 1941

GOVERNMENT OF THE PROVINCE OF ALBERTA

STATEMENT No. 1

Date of Issue		Date of Maturity	Amount	Original Interest Rate	Reduced Interest Rate (a)	Where Payable	Denominations	DISTRIBUTION	
								General Revenue	Telephones
Debentures Past Due:									
April 1, 1921	April 1, 1936		\$ 2,846,000.00	6%	3%	M., T., E.	\$500.00; \$1,000.00	\$ 888,000.00	\$ 1,958,000.00
Nov. 1, 1921	Nov. 1, 1936		1,109,000.00	6%	3%	M., T., E.	\$500.00; \$1,000.00	886,500.00	222,500.00
June 1, 1931	June 1, 1937		1,650,000.00	4½%	2½%	M., T., E., W., C., V., N.Y.	\$1,000.00	1,650,000.00	2,000,200.00
June 1, 1938	June 1, 1938		2,000,200.00	4%	2%	M., T., E., N.Y.	\$1,000.00; \$500.00; \$1,000.00	1,000,000.00	
Jan. 1, 1919	Jan. 1, 1939		1,000,000.00	5½%	2½%	M., T., E., N.Y.	\$1,000.00; \$500.00; \$1,000.00	2,500,000.00	
Jan. 15, 1924	Jan. 15, 1939		2,500,000.00	5%	2½%	M., T., E.	\$250,000.00	250,000.00	
June 1, 1924	June 1, 1939		750,000.00	5%	2½%	M., T., E.	\$500.00; \$1,000.00	2,000,000.00	
Sept. 1, 1924	Sept. 1, 1939		250,000.00	5%	2½%	M., T., E., W., V.	\$1,000.00	750,000.00	
Feb. 15, 1924	Feb. 15, 1940		2,000,000.00	5%	2½%	M., T., E., W., V.	\$1,000.00	750,000.00	
Feb. 15, 1925	Feb. 15, 1940		750,000.00	4½%	3%	M., T., E., N.Y., L.	\$500.00; \$1,000.00	2,250,000.00	
July 15, 1926	July 15, 1941		750,000.00	4½%	3%	M., T., E.	\$500.00; \$1,000.00		1,800,000.00
Sept. 1, 1921	Sept. 1, 1941		2,250,000.00	6%	3%	M., T., E.	\$500.00; \$1,000.00	1,053,230.68	1,053,230.68
Oct. 1, 1921	Oct. 1, 1941		1,800,000.00	6%	3%	M., T., E.	\$230.68; \$1,000.00		280,000.00
Oct. 1, 1921	Oct. 1, 1941		1,053,230.68	6%	3%	M., T., E., N.Y.	\$1,000.00	420,000.00	
Dec. 1, 1921	Dec. 1, 1941		700,000.00	6%	3%	M., T., E.	\$1,000.00	\$14,094,500.00	\$ 7,313,930.68
Debentures and Stock Not Due:									
Jan. 15, 1927	Jan. 15, 1942		\$ 1,250,000.00	4½%	2½%	M., T., E., Vic., N.Y.	\$1,000.00	\$ 1,250,000.00	
July 1, 1927	July 1, 1942		150,000.00	4½%	2½%	M., T., E., C., Vic., N.Y.	\$1,000.00	150,000.00	
Sept. 15, 1927	Sept. 15, 1942		2,948,000.00	5½%	2½%	M., T., E., N.Y.	\$1,000.00	729,724.41	2,218,275.59
Nov. 1, 1927	Nov. 1, 1942		53,908.07	4½%	2½%	L.	£100 Stock	10,781.62	43,126.45
April 1, 1923	April 1, 1943		3,500,000.00	5½%	2½%	M., T., E., N.Y.	\$1,000.00	1,500,000.00	2,000,000.00
July 1, 1923	July 1, 1943		2,000,000.00	5½%	2½%	M., T., E., L.	\$500.00; \$1,000.00	2,000,000.00	
Nov. 1, 1913	Nov. 1, 1943		3,039,809.13	4½%	2½%	\$133,333.34 M., T., E.	\$133.34; \$100.00; \$1,000.00; £100 Stock	750,000.00	
April 15, 1935	April 15, 1945		750,000.00	4½%	2½%	\$2,908,535.69 L.	\$750,000.00	1,821,869.06	1,214,446.07
June 15, 1925	June 15, 1945		2,250,000.00	4½%	2½%	M., T., E., N.Y., L.	\$1,000.00	2,250,000.00	
Jan. 15, 1926	Jan. 15, 1946		3,750,000.00	4½%	2½%	M., T., E., N.Y., L.	\$1,000.00; \$500.00; \$1,000.00	3,750,000.00	
Jan. 2, 1922	Jan. 2, 1947		3,846,000.00	5½%	2½%	M., T., E., N.Y., L.	\$1,000.00	1,846,000.00	2,000,000.00
Mar. 1, 1932	Mar. 1, 1947		5,000,000.00	6%	3%	M., T., E., W., C., V.	\$500.00; \$1,000.00	4,104,000.00	896,000.00
Jan. 1, 1923	Jan. 1, 1948		4,800,000.00	5½%	2½%	M., T., E., W., C., V.	\$1,000.00	4,800,000.00	
April 15, 1925	April 15, 1950		3,740,000.00	5½%	2½%	M., T., E., N.Y.	\$1,000.00	3,272,000.00	468,000.00
Oct. 1, 1931	Oct. 1, 1951		5,649,000.00	4½%	2½%	M., T., E., N.Y., V.	\$1,000.00	3,649,000.00	
April 1, 1922	April 1, 1952		3,000,000.00	5½%	2½%	M., T., E., N.Y., V.	\$1,000.00	3,000,000.00	
July 15, 1923	July 15, 1953		1,000,000.00	4½%	2½%	M., T., E., N.Y., V.	\$1,000.00	1,000,000.00	
Oct. 15, 1924	Oct. 15, 1954		3,000,000.00	4½%	2½%	M., T., E., W., C., V.	\$500.00; \$1,000.00	2,125,000.00	875,000.00
(b) Dec. 15, 1934	Dec. 15, 1949-54		3,000,000.00	4½%	2½%	M., T., E., W., C., V.	\$1,000.00; \$500.00; \$1,000.00	2,125,000.00	
July 15, 1925	July 15, 1955		500,000.00	5½%	2½%	M., T., E., W., C., V.	\$500.00	500,000.00	
Sept. 1, 1933	Sept. 1, 1955		2,850,000.00	5½%	2½%	M., T., E., W., C., V.	\$500.00; \$1,000.00	2,850,000.00	
Oct. 1, 1926	Oct. 1, 1956		6,000,000.00	4½%	2½%	M., T., E., N.Y., L.	\$1,000.00	4,758,394.35	1,243,605.65
Jan. 15, 1927	Jan. 15, 1957		1,275,000.00	4½%	2½%	M., T., E., N.Y., N.Y.	\$1,000.00	1,275,000.00	
Dec. 1, 1927	Dec. 1, 1957		1,850,000.00	4½%	2½%	M., T., E., Vic., N.Y.	\$500.00; \$1,000.00	1,550,000.00	
July 16, 1928	July 16, 1958		3,500,000.00	4½%	2½%	M., T., E., C., V., N.Y.	\$1,000.00	2,808,000.00	692,000.00
Oct. 1, 1928	Oct. 1, 1958		5,915,000.00	4½%	2½%	M., T., E., W., C., V., L., N.Y.	\$500.00; \$1,000.00	5,915,000.00	

(c) Jan. 1, 1909.....	Jan. 1, 1959.....	7,400,000.00	M., T., E., W., C., V., L., N.Y.,	\$1,000.00	7,400,000.00
Oct. 1, 1929.....	Oct. 1, 1959.....	6,000,000.00	L.,	\$1,000.00; \$500.00; \$1,000.00	2,086,500.00
May 1, 1930.....	May 1, 1960.....	3,913,500.00	M., T., E., W., C., V., L., N.Y.,	\$1,000.00; \$500.00; \$1,000.00	3,913,500.00
April 1, 1931.....	April 1, 1961.....	3,000,000.00	M., T., E., W., C., V., N.Y.,	\$1,000.00; \$500.00; \$1,000.00	1,750,000.00
July 1, 1936.....	July 1, 1966.....	5,000,000.00	M., T., E., W., C., V., N.Y.,	\$1,000.00	3,250,000.00
June 1, 1932.....	June 1, 1962-67..	546,000.00	M., T., E., N.Y.,	\$1,000.00	546,000.00
June 1, 1927.....	June 1, 1967.....	4,866,666.66	L.,	£1.00 Stock	730,000.00
		5,239,500.00			4,136,666.66
Feb. 15, 1924.....	Feb. 15, 1974.....	500,000.00		\$1,000.00	3,870,500.00
July 15, 1924.....	July 15, 1974.....	250,000.00		\$500,000.00	500,000.00
June 15, 1925.....	June 15, 1975.....	130,000.00		\$250,000.00	250,000.00
May 1, 1930.....	May 1, 1980.....	1,000,000.00		\$130,000.00	130,000.00
				\$1,000,000.00	1,000,000.00
		\$106,545,189.86			\$88,959,236.10
Treasury Bills:					
Jan. 1, 1941.....	Jan. 1, 1942.....	\$ 450,000.00		Held by:	\$ 450,000.00
Jan. 15, 1941.....	Jan. 15, 1942.....	209,000.00	E.	Provincial Treasurer	209,000.00
Jan. 15, 1941.....	Jan. 15, 1942.....	4,509,000.00	E., O.	Dominion of Canada	3,618,000.00
Feb. 1, 1941.....	Feb. 1, 1942.....	500,000.00	E.	Provincial Treasurer	500,000.00
Feb. 1, 1941.....	Feb. 1, 1942.....	4,678,000.00	E., O.	Dominion of Canada	3,893,500.00
April 15, 1941.....	April 15, 1942.....	1,900,000.00	E., O.	Dominion of Canada	1,900,000.00
June 1, 1941.....	June 1, 1942.....	2,448,000.00	E., O.	Dominion of Canada	2,448,000.00
Aug. 1, 1941.....	Aug. 1, 1942.....	4,645,000.00	E., O.	Dominion of Canada	4,645,000.00
Sept. 1, 1941.....	Sept. 1, 1942.....	468,750.00	E., O.	Dominion of Canada	468,750.00
Sept. 15, 1941.....	Sept. 15, 1942.....	500,000.00	E., O.	Provincial Treasurer	500,000.00
Oct. 1, 1941.....	Oct. 1, 1942.....	1,600,000.00	E., O.	Dominion of Canada	1,600,000.00
Dec. 1, 1941.....	Dec. 1, 1942.....	6,192,000.00	E., O.	Dominion of Canada	5,240,000.00
		\$ 28,099,750.00			\$ 25,474,250.00
SUMMARY:					
Debentures Past Due.....		\$ 21,408,430.68			\$ 14,094,500.00
Debentures and Stock Not Due.....		106,545,189.86			88,959,236.10
Treasury Bills.....		28,099,750.00			25,474,250.00
					\$128,527,986.10
LESS: Sinking Funds.....		\$156,053,370.54			\$ 27,525,384.44
		14,341,551.96			2,398,550.45
Net Bonded Debt and Treasury Bills.....		\$141,711,818.58			\$ 25,126,833.99

(a) Interest reduced in accordance with the provisions of Order-in-Council Number 734/36.

(b) \$5,000,000.00 authorized.

(c) Alberta and Great Waterways Railway First Mortgage Gold Debenture Bonds.

ABBREVIATIONS: M., Montreal; T., Toronto; O., Ottawa, E., Edmonton; W., Winnipeg; C., Calgary; V., Vancouver; Vic., Victoria; L., London, England; N.Y., New York, U.S.A.

STATEMENT No. 2
GOVERNMENT OF THE PROVINCE OF ALBERTA

STATEMENT OF FUNDED AND UNFUNDED DEBT
AS AT DECEMBER 31st, 1941

The net funded and unfunded debt as at December 31, 1941, amounted to \$143,130,072.73, made up as follows:

Funded debt.....	\$156,053,370.54	
Less: Sinking Fund.....	14,341,551.96	
Net funded debt.....		\$141,711,818.58
Unfunded debt:		
Savings Certificates.....	\$ 4,503,787.23	
Superannuation Fund.....	3,196,593.35	
Miscellaneous.....	185,441.51	
	\$ 7,885,822.09	
Less: Cash and investments (book value).....	6,467,567.94	
Net unfunded debt.....		1,418,254.15
Net funded and unfunded debt.....		<u>\$143,130,072.73</u>

STATEMENT No. 3
GOVERNMENT OF THE PROVINCE OF ALBERTA

COMPARATIVE STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS
FOR THE NINE MONTHS ENDED DECEMBER 31st, 1940
AND DECEMBER 31st, 1941

INCOME ACCOUNT

Particulars	Nine months ended		Increase or *decrease
	Dec. 31, 1941	Dec. 31, 1940	
Receipts:			
Dominion of Canada subsidies.....	\$ 893,737.50	\$ 893,737.50	
Taxes.....	8,128,579.90	7,218,213.02	\$ 910,366.88
Licenses.....	3,156,609.63	2,878,284.14	278,325.49
Fees.....	2,459,012.23	2,208,615.89	250,396.34
Fines and penalties.....	98,638.63	66,391.94	32,246.69
Profits from trading activities.....	2,657,352.12	1,973,917.29	683,434.83
Refunds of expenditure.....	1,818,903.37	1,763,894.62	55,008.75
From revenue producing assets.....	754,732.40	628,816.59	125,915.81
Miscellaneous.....	55,701.67	41,690.93	14,010.74
Suspense.....	239,573.48	185,286.95	54,286.53
Sub-total.....	\$20,262,840.93	\$17,858,848.87	\$ 2,403,992.06
Unemployment relief reimbursements.....	270,587.96	714,062.60	*443,474.64
Total receipts.....	\$20,533,428.89	\$18,572,911.47	\$ 1,960,517.42
Particulars	Nine months ended		Increase or *decrease
	Dec. 31, 1941	Dec. 31, 1940	
Payments:			
Public Debt.....	\$ 2,715,991.63	\$ 2,704,141.05	\$ 11,850.58
Executive Council.....	142,213.45	301,510.63	159,297.18*
Legislation.....	94,414.24	86,148.93	8,265.31
Agriculture Department.....	328,847.81	428,885.95	100,008.14*
Agriculture Department (Water Resources Branch).....	43,539.85	45,020.22	1,480.37*
Attorney General's Dept.....	497,830.38	482,634.43	15,195.95
Education Department.....	2,769,498.19	2,674,262.10	95,236.09
Municipal Affairs Dept.....	270,237.36	244,260.44	25,976.92
Provincial Secretary's Dept.....	147,019.23	85,598.48	61,420.75
Public Health Department.....	1,636,710.61	1,550,398.97	86,311.64
Public Works Department.....	2,207,421.13	2,267,483.38	60,062.25*
Railways Branch.....	3,084.23	3,285.15	200.92*
Treasury Department.....	2,849,447.05	2,914,219.34	64,772.29*
Lands and Mines Department.....(1)	696,347.87	518,722.86	177,625.01
Trade and Industry Department.....	161,232.67	146,756.25	14,476.42
Dom.-Prov. Youth Training Programme.....(2)	118,182.48	(3) 174,447.06	56,264.58*
Sub-total.....	\$14,682,018.18	\$14,627,745.24	\$ 54,272.94
Unemployment relief.....(4)	643,272.70	1,534,086.49	890,813.79*
Total payments.....	\$15,325,290.88	\$16,161,831.73	\$ 836,540.85*

(1) Includes \$54,398.38 formerly paid through Department of Agriculture.

(2) Includes \$11,134.46 paid through Bureau of Relief and Public Welfare.

(3) Formerly included with Unemployment Relief.

(4) Includes \$11,086.53, Employment service, formerly paid by Department of Public Health.

STATEMENT No. 4
GOVERNMENT OF THE PROVINCE OF ALBERTA
COMPARATIVE STATEMENT OF AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTION FOR THE YEAR 1940 AND 1941

1940 FINAL FIGURES					1941 (PRELIMINARY FIGURES)				
GRAIN CROPS, ETC.					GRAIN CROPS, ETC.				
Acres	Yield Per Acre	Total Yield	Price	Value	Acres	Yield Per Acre	Total Yield	Price	Value
8,667,000	Bus.	Bus.	\$0.49	\$88,543,000	6,653,000	Bus.	Bus.	\$0.47	\$41,595,000
2,645,000	30.6	180,700,000	0.49	20,600,000	3,143,000	3.3	88,000,000	0.33	23,430,000
1,115,000	28.7	103,000,000	0.27	8,600,000	1,462,000	22.5	7,000,000	0.39	10,530,000
1,177,000	18.9	34,000,000	0.30	960,000	167,300	15.7	27,000,000	0.38	741,000
1,200	19.2	23,000,000	1.40	32,000	1,400	15.0	1,950,000	2.00	58,000
42,000	16.7	10,000	2.00	20,000	150,000	13.0	18,000	1.80	32,000
28,900	10.1	425,000	1.04	443,000	36,400	7.3	1,100,000	1.21	1,331,000
	27.7	800,000	0.23	184,000		18.0	655,000	0.34	223,000
12,676,700		319,958,000		\$119,361,000	11,616,000		190,252,000		\$77,940,000
ROOT CROPS					ROOT CROPS				
Acres	Yield Per Acre	Total Yield	Price	Value	Acres	Yield Per Acre	Total Yield	Price	Value
25,500	Cwt.	Cwt.	\$0.82	\$1,527,000	23,500	Cwt.	Cwt.	\$0.80	\$1,222,000
2,800	73.	1,862,000	0.52	138,000	2,300	65.	1,528,000	0.60	138,000
24,000	95.	286,000				100.	230,000		
	14.	336,000	7.15	2,402,000	23,800	Tons	297,000	6.00*	1,782,000
52,300				\$4,067,000	49,600				\$3,142,000
FODDER CROPS					FODDER CROPS				
Acres	Yield Per Acre	Total Yield	Price	Value	Acres	Yield Per Acre	Total Yield	Price	Value
1,000,000	Tons	Tons	\$4.00	\$7,200,000	1,000,000	Tons	Tons	\$5.00	\$8,500,000
398,700	1.8	1,800,000	6.12	3,905,000	452,000	1.3	1,300,000	6.42	3,775,000
108,700	1.6	638,000	7.61	1,986,000	138,000	1.3	588,000	7.91	2,183,000
2,400	2.4	261,000	4.80	53,000	3,900	2.0	276,000	6.40	90,000
1,509,800	4.6	11,000				3.5	14,000		
		2,710,000		\$13,144,000	1,593,900		2,178,000		12,548,000

(* Initial Payment)

DAIRY PRODUCTS				
Production Lbs.	Price Cents	Value	Production Lbs.	Price Cents
29,796,520	\$0.22	\$6,647,604	35,350,000	\$0.31
15,000,000	0.17	2,596,500	14,040,000	0.36
2,705,853	0.14	385,584	3,110,000	0.20
225,000	0.12	27,563	225,000	0.18
664,703	1.08	720,000	864,000	1.16
		9,155,093	Milk and Cream consumed or fed to stock.....	
		\$19,532,344	TOTAL.....	\$28,037,075
MISCELLANEOUS				
Production Lbs.	Price Cents	Value	Production Lbs.	Price Cents
2,222,000	\$0.11	\$244,420	3,120,000	\$0.12
4,001,000	0.16	640,300	4,313,000	0.22½
		7,618,900	Honey.....	
		45,134,000	Wool.....	
		\$33,637,520	Poultry Products.....	
			Animals Slaughtered and Sold.....	
			TOTAL.....	\$73,091,805
SUMMARY				
VALUE OF PRODUCTION—				
1941				
Grain, Root and Fodder Crops.....	1940	1941	1940	1941
Summer fallow.....	\$14,238,800	\$13,259,500	Grain, Root and Fodder Crops.....	\$83,630,000
New Breaking.....	4,953,000	6,342,000	Dairy Products.....	28,037,075
	304,200	201,600	Miscellaneous.....	73,091,805
TOTAL.....	\$19,526,000	\$19,803,100	TOTAL.....	\$194,758,880

STATEMENT No. 5
GOVERNMENT OF THE PROVINCE OF ALBERTA

CONSOLIDATED SURPLUS OR DEFICIT ACCOUNT

INCOME ACCOUNT

GENERAL REVENUE FUND

Year ended December 31	Particulars	Revenue	Expenditure	Surplus* or Deficit
1905	Per Order-in-Council 966/11.....	\$ 635,975.57	\$ 150,021.10	\$ 485,954.47*
1906	".....	1,425,059.01	1,279,041.44	146,017.57*
1907	".....	1,847,452.61	1,839,064.04	8,388.57*
1908	".....	2,755,900.41	2,079,708.20	676,192.21*
1909	".....	2,511,851.46	2,632,935.53	121,084.07
1910	".....	2,071,773.94	3,096,826.86	1,025,052.92
1911	Per Public Accounts.....	\$ 11,248,013.00	\$ 11,677,597.17	\$ 429,584.17
1912	".....	2,802,325.79	3,037,618.45	235,292.66
1913	".....	3,419,381.52	3,353,258.48	66,123.04*
1914	".....	4,519,345.19	4,409,795.18	109,550.01*
1915	".....	4,350,836.79	4,446,180.31	95,323.52
1916	".....	4,144,040.18	4,742,374.81	598,334.63
1917	".....	4,223,974.28	5,006,993.08	778,018.80
1918	".....	5,069,303.73	5,712,943.03	643,339.30
1919	".....	6,283,336.15	7,132,119.21	848,783.06
1920	".....	8,004,476.10	7,903,330.47	99,145.63
1921	".....	9,005,862.21	8,544,052.16	461,810.05*
1922	".....	8,486,946.25	10,605,155.91	2,118,209.66
1923	".....	9,324,889.73	11,235,192.22	1,910,302.49
1924	".....	10,419,146.26	10,990,830.00	571,683.74
1925	".....	10,506,627.13	11,127,468.55	620,841.42
1926	".....	11,531,025.99	11,343,006.45	188,019.54*
1927	".....	11,912,123.27	11,894,327.74	17,800.53*
1928	".....	12,263,400.64	12,479,380.97	215,908.33
Year ended March 31:				
1928 (3 months)	".....	3,886,495.04	3,390,751.58	495,743.46*
1929	".....	15,265,083.77	13,686,260.68	1,578,823.09*
1930	".....	15,829,865.22	15,402,884.57	426,980.65*
1931	".....	15,710,962.44	18,017,543.54	2,306,581.10
1932	".....	13,492,430.28	18,645,481.20	5,153,050.92
1933	".....	15,426,264.94	17,533,785.97	2,107,521.03
1934	".....	15,178,607.44	17,056,638.86	1,878,031.42
1935	".....	15,697,770.48	17,435,821.37	1,738,050.89
1936	".....	16,575,151.62	18,225,949.86	1,650,798.24
1937**	".....	20,743,045.72	20,665,192.83	77,852.89*
1938**	".....	24,127,805.54	21,359,739.46	2,768,066.08*
1939**	".....	24,269,817.40	21,242,625.48	3,027,191.92*
1940**	".....	24,410,039.54	21,922,189.04	2,487,850.50*
1941**	".....	24,921,669.29	20,570,675.91	4,350,993.38*
		\$383,055,067.93	\$390,798,844.54	\$ 7,743,776.61
Less:				
	Surplus arising from excess of income assets over income liabilities and adjustments			\$ 5,593,266.95
	Deficit, General Revenue Fund, March 31, 1941.....			\$ 2,150,509.66
	Add: Alberta Government Telephone deficit.....			1,430,180.27
	Income deficit, March 31, 1941.....			\$ 3,580,689.93

**Operating results after reduction of interest charges, suspension of sinking fund provision, and after including net expenditure for unemployment relief. In previous years, unemployment relief expenditure was capitalized.

STATEMENT No. 6
GOVERNMENT OF THE PROVINCE OF ALBERTA

GENERAL STATISTICS

AGRICULTURAL STATISTICS

Area—Land.....	159,232,000 acres
Water.....	4,150,400 "
Total.....	163,382,400 "
Area in square miles.....	255,285 sq. mi.
Population, 1941.....	788,393
Area of National Parks.....	13,434,240 acres
Area of Forest Reserves.....	12,436,500 "
Area of Surveyed Tract.....	87,889,701 "
Area of Irrigation Tract.....	3,354,080 "
Area Irrigable.....	884,683 "
Area Irrigated.....	378,342 "
Agricultural Area.....	97,123,000 "
Area in Occupied Farms.....	40,539,934 "
Number of Farms.....	100,358

Average Value of Farm Property
per acre:

1921.....	\$28.00
1936.....	16.00
1937.....	16.00
1938.....	15.00
1939.....	16.00
1940.....	16.00
1941.....	16.00

Acreage under Cultivation:

1906.....	659,981 acres
1936.....	18,108,338 "
1937.....	18,312,220 "
1938.....	18,391,600 "
1939.....	18,918,600 "
1940.....	19,526,000 "
1941.....	19,803,100 "

Acreage under Wheat:

1906.....	177,127 acres
1936.....	7,537,200 "
1937.....	7,834,000 "
1938.....	7,969,000 "
1939.....	8,379,000 "
1940.....	8,667,000 "
1941.....	6,653,000 "

Value of Agricultural Production:

1906.....	\$ 16,428,205
1936.....	160,971,490
1937.....	192,439,195
1938.....	175,640,815
1939.....	185,867,613
1940.....	209,741,864
1941.....	194,758,080

Creamery Butter Manufactured:

1906.....	1,960,356 lbs.
1936.....	25,491,105 "
1937.....	26,323,562 "
1938.....	31,242,357 "
1939.....	29,749,958 "
1940.....	29,796,520 "
1941.....	35,350,000 "

Live Stock, 1941:

Horses.....	656,300 No.
Milch Cows.....	418,000 "
Other Cattle.....	1,040,000 "
Sheep.....	897,000 "
Swine.....	1,652,800 "
Poultry.....	8,704,200 "

Shipments of Cattle from Alberta:

1936.....	317,054 head
1937.....	258,528 "
1938.....	192,796 "
1939.....	190,201 "
1940.....	177,100 "
1941.....	186,192 "

Hog Marketings:

1936.....	1,039,466 head
1937.....	980,272 "
1938.....	782,857 "
1939.....	979,898 "
1940.....	1,485,382 "
1941.....	2,097,000 "

NATURAL RESOURCES STATISTICS

Estimated coal area, over 16,500 square miles,
with coal reserves over 1,000 million tons.

Coal Production:

1906.....	1,385,000 tons
1936.....	5,696,375 "
1937.....	5,551,682 "
1938.....	5,230,025 "
1939.....	5,518,105 "
1940.....	6,205,088 "
1941.....	6,970,064 "

Petroleum Production:

1924.....	844 bbls.
1936.....	1,320,442 "
1937.....	2,796,908 "
1938.....	6,742,039 "
1939.....	7,594,411 "
1940.....	8,493,237 "
1941.....	9,908,643 "

Natural Gas Production:

1921.....	4,945,884 m.c.f.
1936.....	19,128,345 "
1937.....	26,841,760 "
1938.....	26,549,828 "
1939.....	23,286,434 "
1940.....	26,402,229 "
1941.....	28,305,429 "

Value of Commercial Fisheries
Production:

1921.....	\$408,868
1936.....	313,743
1937.....	447,345
1938.....	518,792
1939.....	457,835
1940.....	450,167
1941 (Estimated).....	442,450

Value of Mineral Production:

1907.....	\$ 4,657,524
1936.....	23,305,726
1937.....	25,597,117
1938.....	28,966,272
1939.....	30,691,617
1940.....	35,092,337
1941 (Estimated).....	42,000,000

OTHER STATISTICS

Manufacturing Industries, 1939:

Establishments.....	No. 961
Capital Invested.....	\$ 73,284,225
Employees.....	No. 12,712
Salaries and Wages.....	\$ 14,977,700
Value of Products.....	87,474,080

Railway Mileage:

1906.....	1,060 miles
1936.....	5,785 "
1937.....	5,792 "
1938.....	5,792 "
1939.....	5,819 "
1940.....	5,819 "
1941.....	5,823 "

STATEMENT No. 6—(Continued)

GENERAL STATISTICS

Schools in Operation:

1921.....	2,746
1936.....	3,542
1937.....	3,591
1938.....	3,592
1939.....	3,596
1940.....	3,639

Motor Vehicles:

1911.....	1,631
1936.....	97,468
1937.....	100,434
1938.....	107,191
1939.....	113,702
1940.....	120,514
1941 (estimated).....	124,170

Hard Surfaced Highways:

1921.....	17 miles
1936.....	2,307 "
1937.....	3,002 "
1938.....	3,095 "
1939.....	3,457 "
1940.....	3,494 "
1941.....	3,839 "

Bank Clearings:

1922.....	\$546,227,960
1936.....	538,913,234
1937.....	550,324,627
1938.....	539,608,066
1939.....	521,541,889
1940.....	547,610,159
1941.....	656,777,923

Bank Debits:

1924.....	\$1,092,062,297
1936.....	1,096,155,091
1937.....	1,155,136,641
1938.....	1,166,319,940
1939.....	1,216,363,920
1940.....	1,407,066,802
1941.....	1,654,889,535

Construction Industry—Contracts

Awarded:

1924.....	\$ 6,600,400 value
1936.....	6,287,400 "
1937.....	4,901,000 "
1938.....	8,180,000 "
1939.....	5,234,900 "
1940.....	23,940,100 "
1941.....	15,598,800 "